



2010

LEAF COLLECTION GUIDE

TACKLING FALLING LEAVES

Between now and early December, maples, oaks, sycamores, and yes, even leaves from those pesky cottonwoods, will blanket lawns and sidewalks.

Like clockwork, the town ramps up its efforts to remove leaves just as they begin their fall descent. This year's leaf collection begins Oct. 18 and continues through Dec. 10.

For more than 20 years, the town has conducted its leaf program, vacuuming up leaves that are raked to the parkway and applying them to land the town owns near Cline Avenue at the Little Calumet River.

Public Works Director John Bach said there are plans to locate a new park at the site. Until then, he and his crews continue to build up the earth with leaves that are covered over with dirt.

"We always get questions about what we do with the leaves and why they are not picked up with the weekly trash," he said. "Requirements mandate that leaves and branches are not disposed of in landfills. Managing our own leaves has saved a great deal of money on trucking and disposal fees."

The site the town uses for leaf and chipped branch disposal has many years left before it will be filled.

NO PARKING ZONE

When it comes to leaf collection, Street Supervisor Kevin Huzzie said parked cars present major problems.

"We have large trucks and large trailers we use to vacuum leaves," he said. "Parked cars present a major problem for us when we are trying to maneuver our vehicles and get all of the leaves picked up. Our crews are so busy that it becomes very difficult for them to go back and pick up leaves because there were vehicles in the way."

DON'T CUT THOSE BRANCHES

The town asks residents to refrain from branch removal in October and November. During those months, the wood chipping crews are busy removing leaves. The last day for branch pick-up is Oct. 15.


"If there is a storm or something unexpected happens, we will provide the manpower to come out and chip up the branches," Street Supervisor Kevin Huzzie said. "We are asking residents to delay trimming until leaf collection is finished in early Dec.."

LEAF PARKING ALLOWED

Leaves should be raked into a pile or row in the parkway between the sidewalk and curb as close to the street as possible.

"In light of all of the flooding problems we have had, we are asking residents to be aware of where they place their leaves for pick-up," Public Works Director John Bach said. "It doesn't take many leaves to plug the storm drains and cause flooding."

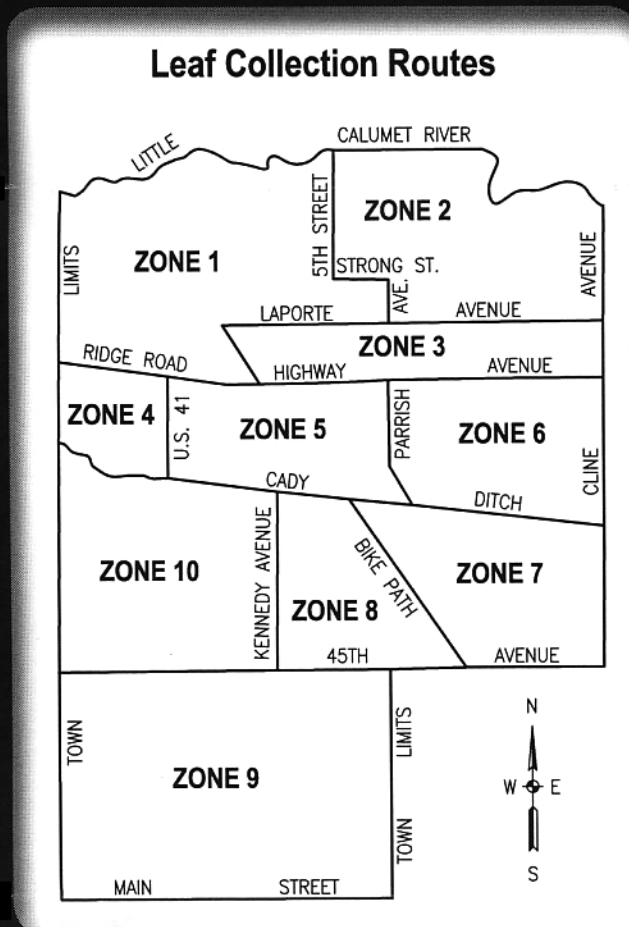
THE 411 ON LEAF COLLECTION

- The town is divided into 10 pick-up zones. Find your zone and pick-up dates on the reverse side.
 - In areas without curbs, leaves should be placed on the grass or parkway at the edge of the street.
 - Keep all parked vehicles off the street on your collection day. Violators are subject to a \$25 fine.
 - State law prohibits leaf disposal as part of routine garbage collection.
 - Questions? Please call (219) 972-5083.
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LEAF COLLECTION CALENDAR

MON	OCT. 18	Zone 1
TUE	OCT. 19	Zone 2
WED	OCT. 20	Zone 3
THU	OCT. 21	Zone 4
FRI	OCT. 22	Zone 5
MON	OCT. 25	Zone 6
TUE	OCT. 26	Zone 7
WED	OCT. 27	Zone 8
THU	OCT. 28	Zone 9
FRI	OCT. 29	Zone 10
MON	NOV. 1	Zone 1
TUE	NOV. 2	Zone 2
WED	NOV. 3	Zone 3
THU	NOV. 4	Zone 4
FRI	NOV. 5	Zone 5
MON	NOV. 8	Zone 6
TUE	NOV. 9	Zone 7
WED	NOV. 10	Zone 8
THU	NOV. 11	Zone 9
FRI	NOV. 12	Zone 10
MON	NOV. 15	Zone 1
TUE	NOV. 16	Zone 2
WED	NOV. 17	Zone 3
THU	NOV. 18	Zone 4
FRI	NOV. 19	Zone 5



MON	NOV. 22	Zone 6 and 7
TUE	NOV. 23	Zone 8 and 9
WED	NOV. 24	Zone 10
THU	NOV. 25	Thanksgiving No collection
FRI	NOV. 26	No collection
MON	NOV. 29	Zone 1
TUE	NOV. 30	Zone 2
WED	DEC. 1	Zone 3
THU	DEC. 2	Zone 4
FRI	DEC. 3	Zone 5
MON	DEC. 6	Zone 6
TUE	DEC. 7	Zone 7
WED	DEC. 8	Zone 8
THU	DEC. 9	Zone 9
FRI	DEC. 10	Zone 10



PARKING ON LEAF COLLECTION DAYS

Pursuant to §72.20.1 of the Highland Municipal Code, Special Regulations (parking) for Leaf Collections Days, persons that park a vehicle in a manner that restricts the collection of leaves, on the scheduled day of collection, will be fined \$65.